

REMARKS

In the present patent application, claims 1-29 have been canceled, and claims 30-57 have been added. It is noted that new claims 30-57 have adequate support in the specification. As just an example, support may be found for new claims 30-39 and claims 50-57 on page 5, line 28 through page 6, line 10 and Figure 3. Support for new claims 40-49 may be found, for example, on page 7, line 21 through page 8, line 14 and Figure 4.

In the Office Action, May 9th, 2005, the Examiner made various objections and rejections to claims 1-29. Claims 1-29 have been canceled, and it is noted that claims 1-29 were not canceled to overcome the rejections and objections, or in light of the cited document. Rather, claims 1-29 were canceled to facilitate prosecution of broader claims, to which Assignee is entitled. In light of the cancellation of claims 1-29, the objections and rejections made to claims 1-29 are moot.

Assignee has provided an amended Figure 2. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection to Figure 2.

Assignee has added new claims 30-57. Support for the new claims may be found, for example, in the specification and claims. No new matter is introduced by these amendments. Therefore, no prosecution history estoppel should result from these claim amendments.

Assignee respectfully submits that new claims 30-57 are not rendered obvious by the cited art, Vent (U.S. Patent No. 5,489,457) in combination with "Applicant's admitted prior art" (hereinafter, AAPA). Although Assignee does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's characterization of AAPA or Vent, it is respectfully submitted that AAPA, whether viewed alone or in combination with Vent, does not contain all of the elements of the pending claims. However, Assignee does not by this argument accept that the combination is proper; rather, while Assignee asserts that the combination is improper, and no motivation to combine has been presented, Assignee further asserts that even if the combination were proper, and a successful combination of AAPA and Vent were made, although Assignee has serious doubts concerning the ability to do so, the

resultant combination or any of the other alleged combinations would still not show or describe the elements of the pending claims.

As just an example, neither AAPA nor Vent show or describe a plurality of reflection planes formed on at least a portion of the plurality of inside walls, and one or more reflective plating films formed on at least a portion of the plurality of reflection planes to reflect light. The Examiner concedes that AAPA does not show or describe reflection elements of non-glass materials, and the direct connection and positioning of the reflection elements on the connection planes. Additionally, Vent does not show or describe these elements missing from AAPA. Vent is directed toward a reflective tape having an adhesive layer, and does not show or describe reflective plating films formed on reflection planes, such as recited in the pending claims. Any resultant combination of Vent with AAPA, if successful, although, as stated previously, Assignee has serious doubts concerning the ability to successfully combine Vent with AAPA, would not result in the formation of reflective plating films formed on at least a portion of the plurality of reflection planes to reflect light, but, rather, would appear to result in the formation of an optical chassis with reflective tape adhered to one or more surfaces.

Assignee respectfully submits that because a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established, claims 30-57 are in a condition for allowance. It is noted that many other bases for traversing the rejection could be provided, but Assignee believes that this ground is sufficient. It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Examiner allow these claims to proceed to issuance.

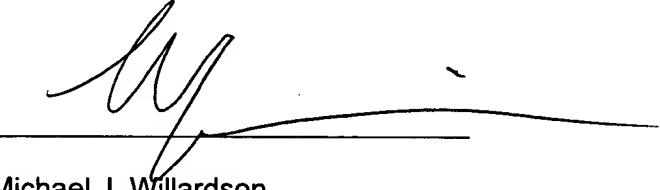
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims pending in this patent application, as amended, are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, she is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 439-6500. Reconsideration of this patent application and early allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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